

## A note on Hardy spaces on quadratic CR manifolds

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ABSTRACT. Given a quadratic CR manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  embedded in a complex space, and a holomorphic function  $f$  on a tubular neighbourhood of  $\mathcal{M}$ , we show that the  $L^p$ -norms of the restrictions of  $f$  to the translates of  $\mathcal{M}$  is decreasing for the ordering induced by the closed convex envelope of the image of the Levi form of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $f$  be a holomorphic function on the upper half-plane  $\mathbb{C}_+ = \mathbb{R} + i\mathbb{R}_+^*$ . If  $f$  belongs to the Hardy space  $H^p(\mathbb{C}_+)$ , that is, if  $\sup_{y>0} \|f_y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}$  is finite, where  $f_y : x \mapsto f(x + iy)$ , then it is well known that the function  $y \mapsto \|f_y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}$  is decreasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ , for every  $p \in ]0, \infty]$ . Nonetheless, if  $f$  is simply holomorphic, then the lower semicontinuous function  $y \mapsto \|f_y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}$  need not be decreasing. Actually, the set where it is finite may be any interval in  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ , or even a disconnected set.

Now, replace the upper half-plane  $\mathbb{C}_+$  with a Siegel upper half-space

$$D := \{ (\zeta, z) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} z - |\zeta|^2 > 0 \},$$

and define

$$f_h : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{R} \ni (\zeta, x) \mapsto f(\zeta, x + i|\zeta|^2 + h)$$

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for every  $h > 0$  and for every function  $f$  on  $D$ . This definition is motivated by the fact that

$$bD := \{ (\zeta, x + i|\zeta|^2) : (\zeta, x) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{R} \}$$

is the boundary of  $D$ , and the sets  $bD + (0, ih)$ , for  $h > 0$ , foliate  $D$  as the sets  $\mathbb{R} + iy$ , for  $y > 0$ , foliate  $\mathbb{C}_+$ . If  $f$  is holomorphic on  $D$ , then the mapping  $h \mapsto \|f_h\|_{L^p(\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{R})}$  is always decreasing (though not necessarily finite), in contrast to the preceding case (cf. Theorem 3.1). This fact is closely related with the fact that every holomorphic function defined in a neighbourhood of  $bD$  automatically extends to  $D$ . More precisely, if one observes that  $bD$  has the structure of a CR submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}$ , one may actually prove that every CR function (of class  $C^1$ ) is the boundary values of a unique holomorphic function on  $D$  (cf. [2, Theorem 1 of Section 15.3]).

In this note, we show that an analogous property holds when  $bD$  is replaced by a general quadratic, or quadric, CR submanifold of a complex space, and then discuss some examples of Šilov boundaries of (homogeneous) Siegel domains.

## 2. Preliminaries

We fix a complex hilbertian space  $E$  of dimension  $n$ , a real hilbertian space  $F$  of dimension  $m$ , and a hermitian map  $\Phi : E \times E \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Define

$$\mathcal{M} := \{ (\zeta, x + i\Phi(\zeta)) : \zeta \in E, x \in F \} = \{ (\zeta, z) \in E \times F_{\mathbb{C}} : \text{Im } z - \Phi(\zeta) = 0 \},$$

where  $F_{\mathbb{C}}$  denotes the complexification of  $F$ , while  $\Phi(\zeta) := \Phi(\zeta, \zeta)$  for every  $\zeta \in E$ . We define

$$\rho : E \times F_{\mathbb{C}} \ni (\zeta, z) \mapsto \text{Im } z - \Phi(\zeta) \in F.$$

We endow  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$  with the product

$$(\zeta, z)(\zeta', z') := (\zeta + \zeta', z + z' + 2i\Phi(\zeta', \zeta))$$

for every  $(\zeta, z), (\zeta', z') \in E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$ , so that  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$  becomes a 2-step nilpotent Lie group, and  $\mathcal{M}$  a closed subgroup of  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$ . In particular, the identity of  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$  is  $(0, 0)$  and  $(\zeta, z)^{-1} = (-\zeta, -z + 2i\Phi(\zeta))$  for every  $(\zeta, z) \in E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$ . It will be convenient to identify  $\mathcal{M}$  with the 2-step nilpotent Lie group  $\mathcal{N} := E \times F$ , endowed with the product

$$(\zeta, x)(\zeta', x') := (\zeta + \zeta', x + x' + 2\text{Im } \Phi(\zeta, \zeta'))$$

for every  $(\zeta, x), (\zeta', x') \in \mathcal{N}$ , by means of the isomorphism

$$\iota : \mathcal{N} \ni (\zeta, x) \mapsto (\zeta, x + i\Phi(\zeta)) \in E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}.$$

In particular, the identity of  $\mathcal{N}$  is  $(0, 0)$  and  $(\zeta, x)^{-1} = (-\zeta, -x)$  for every  $(\zeta, x) \in \mathcal{N}$ . Notice that, in this way,  $\mathcal{N}$  acts holomorphically (on the left) on  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Given a function  $f$  on  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$ , we shall define

$$f_h : \mathcal{N} \ni (\zeta, x) \mapsto f(\zeta, x + i\Phi(\zeta) + ih) \in \mathbb{C}$$

for every  $h \in F$ .

Observe that the preceding group structures show that, if we define the complex tangent space of  $\mathcal{M}$  at  $(\zeta, z)$  as

$$H_{(\zeta, z)}\mathcal{M} := T_{(\zeta, z)}\mathcal{M} \cap (iT_{(\zeta, z)}\mathcal{M})$$

for every  $(\zeta, z) \in \mathcal{M}$ , where  $T_{(\zeta, z)}\mathcal{M}$  denotes the real tangent space to  $\mathcal{M}$  at  $(\zeta, z)$ , identified with a subspace of  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$ , then

$$H_{(\zeta, z)}\mathcal{M} = dL_{(\zeta, z)}H_{(0,0)}\mathcal{M},$$

where  $L_{(\zeta, z)}$  denotes the left translation by  $(\zeta, z)$  (in  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$ ), and  $dL_{(\zeta, z)}$  its differential at  $(0, 0)$ . Therefore,  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_{(\zeta, z)}\mathcal{M} = n$  for every  $(\zeta, z) \in \mathcal{M}$ , so that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a CR submanifold of  $E \times F_{\mathbb{C}}$  (cf. [2, Chapter 7]), called a quadratic or quadric CR manifold (cf. [2, Section 7.3] and [10, 11]).

We observe explicitly that  $\mathcal{M}$  is generic (that is,  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{M} - \dim_{\mathbb{R}} H_{(0,0)}\mathcal{M} = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} E \times F_{\mathbb{C}} - \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{M}$ , cf. [2, Definition 5 and Lemma 4 of Section 7.1]) and that its Levi form may be canonically identified with  $\Phi$  (cf. [2, Chapter 10] and [11]).

### 3. A property of Hardy spaces

We denote by  $C$  the convex envelope of  $\Phi(E)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $F$  such that  $\Omega = \Omega + \overline{C}$ , and set  $D := \rho^{-1}(\Omega)$ . Then, for every  $f \in \text{Hol}(D)$ , for every  $p \in ]0, \infty]$ , for every  $h \in \Omega$  and for every  $h' \in \overline{C}$ ,*

$$\|f_{h+h'}\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})} \leq \|f_h\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})}.$$

The proof is based on the ‘analytic disc technique’ presented in [2, Section 15.3].

Observe that the assumption that  $\Omega = \Omega + \overline{C}$  is not restrictive. Indeed, if  $\Omega$  is connected and  $C$  has a non-empty interior  $\text{Int } C$ , then every function which is holomorphic on  $\rho^{-1}(\Omega)$  extends (uniquely) to a holomorphic function on  $\rho^{-1}(\Omega + (\text{Int } C \cup \{0\}))$  by [2, Theorem 1 of Section 15.3], and  $\Omega + (\text{Int } C \cup \{0\}) = \Omega + \overline{C}$  since  $\Omega$  is open and  $\overline{C} = \overline{\text{Int } C}$  by convexity. The case in which  $\text{Int } C = \emptyset$  may be treated directly using similar techniques.

We also mention that, if  $p < \infty$  and either  $\Phi$  is degenerate or the polar of  $\Phi(E)$  has an empty interior (that is, the closed convex envelope of  $\Phi(E)$  contains a non-trivial vector subspace), then either  $f_h = 0$  or  $f_h \notin L^p(\mathcal{N})$  (at least for  $p \geq 1$  when  $\Phi$  is non-degenerate). Cf. [6] for more details in a similar case.

**Proof.** For every  $\mathbf{v} = (v_j) \in E^m$ , consider

$$A_{\mathbf{v}} : \mathbb{C} \ni w \mapsto \left( \sum_{j=1}^m v_j w^j, i \sum_{j=1}^m \Phi(v_j) + 2i \sum_{k < j} \Phi(v_j, v_k) w^{j-k} \right) \in E \times F_{\mathbb{C}},$$

and

$$\Psi(\mathbf{v}) := \sum_{j=1}^m \Phi(v_j) \in C,$$

and observe that the following hold:

- $A_{\mathbf{v}}(0) = (0, i\Psi(\mathbf{v}))$ ;
- $\Psi(E^m)$  is the convex envelope  $C$  of  $\Phi(E)$ , thanks to [12, Corollary 17.1.2];
- $\rho(A_{\mathbf{v}}(w)) = 0$  for every  $w \in \mathbb{T}$ ;
- the mapping  $A : E^m \ni \mathbf{v} \mapsto A_{\mathbf{v}} \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{C}; E \times F_{\mathbb{C}})$  is continuous (actually, polynomial).

Now, take  $h \in \Omega$ . By continuity, there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $A_{\mathbf{v}}(\overline{U}) + ih \subseteq D$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in B_{E^m}(0, \varepsilon)$ , where  $U$  denotes the unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $\overline{U}$  its closure. Then,  $A_{\mathbf{v}}(\overline{U}) + ih' \subseteq D$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in B_{E^m}(0, \varepsilon)$  and for every  $h' \in h + \overline{C}$ . For every  $h' \in \Psi(B_{E^m}(0, \varepsilon))$ , denote by  $\nu_{h'}$  the image of the normalized Haar measure on  $\mathbb{T}$  under the mapping  $\pi \circ A_{\mathbf{v}}$ , for some  $\mathbf{v} \in B_{E^m}(0, \varepsilon) \cap \Psi^{-1}(h')$ , where  $\pi : E \times F_{\mathbb{C}} \ni (\zeta, z) \mapsto (\zeta, \text{Re } z) \in \mathcal{N}$ . Observe that, for every  $(\zeta, x) \in \mathcal{N}$  and for every  $h'' \in h + \overline{C}$ , the mapping

$$\overline{U} \ni w \mapsto f((\zeta, x + i\Phi(\zeta)) \cdot [A_{\mathbf{v}}(w) + (0, ih'')]) \in \mathbb{C}$$

is continuous and holomorphic on  $U$ , so that, by subharmonicity (cf., e.g., [13, Theorem 15.19]),

$$\begin{aligned} & |f(\zeta, x + i\Phi(\zeta) + i(h' + h''))|^{\min(1,p)} \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f((\zeta, x + i\Phi(\zeta)) \cdot [A_{\mathbf{v}}(w) + (0, ih'')])|^{\min(1,p)} dw \\ & = \int_{\mathcal{N}} |f_{h''}((\zeta, x)(\zeta', x'))|^{\min(1,p)} d\nu_{h'}(\zeta', x') \\ & = (|f_{h''}|^{\min(1,p)} * \check{\nu}_{h'}) (\zeta, x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\check{\nu}_{h'}$  denotes the reflection of  $\nu_{h'}$ , while  $\mathbf{v}$  is a suitable element of  $B_{E^m}(0, \varepsilon) \cap \Psi^{-1}(h')$ . Since  $\nu_{h'}$  is a probability measure, by Young's inequality (cf., e.g., [4, Chapter III, § 4, No. 4]) we then infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_{h'+h''}\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})} &= \| |f_{h'+h''}|^{\min(1,p)} \|_{L^{\max(1,p)}}^{1/\min(1,p)} \\ &\leq \| |f_{h''}|^{\min(1,p)} \|_{L^{\max(1,p)}(\mathcal{N})}^{1/\min(1,p)} = \|f_{h''}\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})} \end{aligned}$$

for every  $h' \in \Psi(B_{E^m}(0, \varepsilon))$  and for every  $h'' \in h + \overline{C}$ . Since every element of  $C$  may be written as a finite sum of elements of  $\Psi(B_{E^m}(0, \varepsilon))$ , the arbitrariness of  $h''$  shows that

$$\|f_{h+h'}\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})} \leq \|f_h\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})}$$

for every  $h' \in C$ , hence for every  $h' \in \overline{C}$  by lower semi-continuity. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Assume that  $C$  has a non-empty interior  $\Omega$ , and set  $D := \rho^{-1}(\Omega)$ . Then, for every  $p \in ]0, \infty]$  and  $f \in \text{Hol}(D)$ ,*

$$\sup_{h \in \Omega} \|f_h\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})} = \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0, h \in \Omega} \|f_h\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})}.$$

In particular, if we define the Hardy space  $H^p(D)$  as the set of  $f \in \text{Hol}(D)$  such that  $\sup_{h \in \Omega} \|f_h\|_{h \in L^p(\mathcal{N})}$  is finite, the preceding result states that  $H^p(D)$  may be equivalently defined as the set of  $f \in \text{Hol}(D)$  such that  $\liminf_{h \rightarrow 0, h \in \Omega} \|f_h\|_{L^p(\mathcal{N})}$  is finite. This result should be compared with [3], where the boundary values of the elements of  $H^p(D)$  are characterized as the CR elements of  $L^p(\mathcal{N})$ , for  $p \in [1, \infty]$ . In particular, Corollary 3.2 could be deduced from the results of [3], when  $p \in [1, \infty]$ , though at the expense of some further technicalities.

This result extends [7, Corollary 1.43].

### 4. Examples

We shall now present some examples of homogeneous Siegel domains  $D = \rho^{-1}(\Omega)$  for which  $\overline{\Omega}$  is the closed convex envelope of  $\Phi(E)$ , so that Corollary 3.2 applies.

We recall that  $D$  is said to be a Siegel domain if  $\Omega$  is an open convex cone not containing affine lines,  $\Phi$  is non-degenerate, and  $\Phi(E) \subseteq \overline{\Omega}$ . In addition,  $D$  is said to be homogeneous if the group of its biholomorphisms acts transitively on  $D$ . It is known (cf., e.g., [5, Proposition 1]) that  $D$  is homogeneous if and only if there is a triangular Lie subgroup  $T_+$  of  $GL(F)$  which acts simply transitively on  $\Omega$ , and for every  $t \in T_+$  there is  $g \in GL(E)$  such that  $t\Phi = \Phi(g \times g)$ .

If  $T'_+$  is another Lie subgroup of  $GL(F)$  with the same properties as  $T_+$ , then  $T_+$  and  $T'_+$  are conjugated by an automorphism of  $F$  preserving  $\Omega$ . Thanks to this fact, we may use the results of [7] even if a different  $T_+$  is chosen. In particular, there is a surjective (open and) continuous homomorphism of Lie groups

$$\Delta : T_+ \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^r$$

for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , called the rank of  $\Omega$ , so that

$$\Delta^{\mathbf{s}} = \Delta_1^{s_1} \cdots \Delta_r^{s_r},$$

$\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{C}^r$ , are the characters of  $T_+$ . Once a base point  $e_\Omega \in \Omega$  has been fixed,  $\Delta^{\mathbf{s}}$  induces a function  $\Delta_\Omega^{\mathbf{s}}$  on  $\Omega$ , setting  $\Delta_\Omega^{\mathbf{s}}(t(e_\Omega)) = \Delta^{\mathbf{s}}(t)$  for every  $t \in T_+$ .

Up to modifying  $\Delta$ , we may then assume that the functions  $\Delta_\Omega^{\mathbf{s}}$  are bounded on the bounded subsets of  $\Omega$  if and only if  $\text{Re } \mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}_+^r$  (cf. [7, Lemma 2.34]). In particular, there is  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}_-^r$  such that  $\Delta^{-\mathbf{b}}(t) = |\det_{\mathbb{C}} g|^2$  for every  $t \in T_+$  and for every  $g \in GL(E)$  such that  $t\Phi = \Phi(g \times g)$  (cf. [7, Lemma 2.9]), and one may prove that  $\mathbf{b} \in (\mathbb{R}_-^*)^r$  if and only if  $\Phi(E)$  generates  $F$  as a vector space, in which case  $\Omega$  is the interior of the convex envelope of  $\Phi(E)$  (cf. [7, Proposition 2.57 and its proof, and Corollary 2.58]). Therefore, we are interested in finding examples of homogeneous Siegel domains for which  $\mathbf{b} \in (\mathbb{R}_-^*)^r$ .

Notice, in addition, that if  $\mathbf{b} \notin (\mathbb{R}_-^*)^r$ , then  $\Phi(E)$  is contained in a hyperplane, so that the interior of its convex envelope is empty.

The Siegel domain  $D$  is said to be symmetric if it is homogeneous and admits an involutive biholomorphism with a unique fixed point (equivalently, if for every  $(\zeta, z) \in D$  there is an involutive biholomorphism of  $D$  for which  $(\zeta, z)$  is

an isolated (or the unique) fixed point). The domain  $D$  is said to be irreducible if it is not biholomorphic to the product of two non-trivial Siegel domains.

It is well known that every symmetric Siegel domain is biholomorphic to a product of irreducible ones, and that the irreducible symmetric Siegel domains can be classified in four infinite families plus two exceptional domains (cf., e.g., [1, §§ 1, 2]). In particular, for an irreducible symmetric Siegel domain, either  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$  (that is,  $E = \{0\}$ , in which case  $D$  is ‘of tube type’), or  $\mathbf{b} \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^r$  (cf., e.g., [7, Example 2.11]). Hence, when  $D$  is a symmetric Siegel domain,  $\overline{\Omega}$  is the closed convex envelope of  $\Phi(E)$  if and only if none of the irreducible components of  $D$  is of tube type. Note that these domains can be also characterized as those which do not admit any non-constant *rational* inner functions, thanks to [8].

We now present some examples of (homogeneous) Siegel domains.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be either  $\mathbb{C}$  or the division ring of the quaternions. In addition, fix  $r, k, p \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $p \leq r$ , and define

- $E$  as the space of  $k \times r$  matrices over  $\mathbb{K}$  whose  $j$ -th columns have zero entries for  $j = p + 1, \dots, r$ ;
- $F$  as the space of self-adjoint  $r \times r$  matrices over  $\mathbb{K}$ ;
- $\Omega$  as the cone of non-degenerate positive self-adjoint  $r \times r$  matrices over  $\mathbb{K}$ ;
- $\Phi : E \times E \ni (\zeta, \zeta') \mapsto \frac{1}{2}[(\zeta'^* \zeta + \zeta^* \zeta') + i(\zeta^* i \zeta' - \zeta' i \zeta)] \in F_{\mathbb{C}}$ ;
- $T_+$  as the group of upper triangular  $r \times r$ -matrices over  $\mathbb{K}$  with strictly positive diagonal entries, acting on  $\Omega$  (and  $F$ ) by the formula  $t \cdot h := t h t^*$ ;
- $\Delta : T_+ \ni t \mapsto (t_{1,1}, \dots, t_{r,r}) \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^r$ .

Then,  $\Omega$  is an irreducible symmetric cone<sup>1</sup> of rank  $r$  on which  $T_+$  acts simply transitively by [7, Example 2.6]. In addition,  $\Phi$  is well defined, since  $\zeta'^* \zeta + \zeta^* \zeta', \zeta^* i \zeta' - \zeta' i \zeta \in F$  for every  $\zeta, \zeta' \in E$ , and clearly  $\Phi(\zeta) \in \overline{\Omega}$  and

$$t \cdot \Phi(\zeta) = t \cdot (\zeta^* \zeta) = (\zeta t^*)^* (\zeta t^*) = \Phi(\zeta t^*)$$

for every  $t \in T_+$  and for every  $\zeta \in E$  (with  $\zeta t^* \in E$ ), so that  $D$  is homogeneous. Then,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_j)$ , with  $b_j = -k \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{K}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, p$  and  $b_j = 0$  for  $j = p + 1, \dots, r$ . Consequently,  $\overline{\Omega}$  is the closed convex envelope of  $\Phi(E)$  if and only if  $p = r$  and  $k > 0$ .

Notice that  $D$  is irreducible since  $\Omega$  is irreducible (cf. [9, Corollary 4.8]), and that  $D$  is symmetric if  $k p = 0$  or if  $p = r$  and  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  (cf. [7, Examples 2.14 and 2.15]). If  $k p(r - p) > 0$ , or if  $\mathbb{K} \neq \mathbb{C}$ ,  $r \geq 3$ , and  $k \geq 2$ , then  $D$  cannot be symmetric.

<sup>1</sup>A cone is said to be homogeneous if the group of its linear automorphisms acts transitively on it. It is said to be symmetric if, in addition, it is self-dual for some scalar product. A convex cone is said to be irreducible if it is not isomorphic to a product of non-trivial convex cones.

**Example 4.2.** Take  $k, p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p \leq 2$ . Define:

- $E$  as the space of formal  $k \times 2$  matrices whose entries of the first column belong to  $\mathbb{C}$  (and are 0 if  $p = 0$ ), and whose entries of the second column belong to  $\mathbb{C}^q$  (and are 0 if  $p \leq 1$ );
- $F$  as the space of formally self-adjoint  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose diagonal entries belong to  $\mathbb{R}$ , and whose non-diagonal entries belong to  $\mathbb{C}^q$ ;
- $\Omega$  as the cone of  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \in F$  with  $a, c > 0$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}^q$ , and  $ac - |b|^2 > 0$ ;
- $\Phi$  so that

$$\Phi \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_k & b_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_j |a_j|^2 & \sum_j \overline{a_j} b_j \\ \sum_j a_j \overline{b_j} & \sum_j |b_j|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

for every  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_k & b_k \end{pmatrix} \in E$ ;

- $T_+$  as the group of formal  $2 \times 2$  upper triangular matrices with diagonal entries in  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$  and non-diagonal entries in  $\mathbb{C}^q$ , with the action<sup>2</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ b' & c' \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} a'a^2 + c'|b|^2 + 2a\operatorname{Re}\langle b, b' \rangle & acb' + cc'b \\ ac\overline{b'} + cc'\overline{b} & c^2c' \end{pmatrix};$$

- $\Delta : T_+ \ni t \mapsto (t_{1,1}, t_{2,2})$ .

Then,  $\Omega$  is an irreducible symmetric cone of rank 2 on which  $T_+$  acts simply transitively (cf. [7, Example 2.7]). In addition,  $\Phi(\zeta) \in \overline{\Omega}$  for every  $\zeta \in E$ , and

$$t \cdot \Phi(\zeta) = \Phi(\zeta t^*)$$

for every  $t \in T_+$  and  $\zeta \in E$  (with  $\zeta t^* \in E$ ), provided that  $p \leq 1$ . Then,  $D$  is an irreducible Siegel domain, and it is homogeneous if  $p \leq 1$  (it is symmetric if  $p = 0$ ). In addition,  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$  if  $p = 0$ , while  $\mathbf{b} = (k, 0)$  if  $p = 1$ . Further, if  $p = 2$ , then  $\Phi(E)$  contains the boundary of  $\Omega$ , since  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} = \Phi \begin{pmatrix} a^{1/2} & a^{-1/2}b \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , for every  $a > 0$ , for every  $c \geq 0$  and for every  $b \in \mathbb{C}^q$  such that  $|b|^2 = ac$  (the case  $a = 0, b = 0, c \geq 0$  is treated similarly). Then,  $\overline{\Omega}$  is the closed convex envelope of  $\Phi(E)$  if and only if  $p = 2$ .

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<sup>2</sup>Formally,  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ b' & c' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ b' & c' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}^*$ .

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